

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA)**


Emergency Administrative Powers for the Yakima Valley Groundwater
Contamination Matter

1. **AUTHORITY.** To make findings, take action, determine the practicality of consultation, consult with States and local authorities, and issue administrative orders under Section 1431 of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300i, related to the Yakima Valley groundwater contamination matter.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.**
 - a. All authority is delegated through the Director, Office of Water and Watersheds or equivalent, to the Manager, Drinking Water Unit or equivalent, and to the Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement or equivalent.
 - b. The authority to take action is further delegated through the Director, Office of Water and Watersheds or equivalent, and the Manager, Drinking Water Unit or equivalent, the Manager, NPDES Unit or equivalent, and the Manager, Grants and Planning Unit or equivalent, to the staff level of each of these Units.
 - c. The authority to take action is further delegated through the Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement or equivalent, and the Manager, Groundwater Unit or equivalent, and the Manager of the Inspection and Enforcement Unit or equivalent, to the staff level of each of these Units.
 - d. The authority to take action is delegated through the Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup or equivalent, and the Manager, Emergency Response Unit or equivalent, to the staff level of this Unit.
 - e. The authority to take action is delegated through the Director, Office of Environmental Assessment or equivalent, and the Manager, Risk Evaluation Unit or equivalent, the Manager of the Environmental Services Unit or equivalent, the Manager of the Manchester Laboratory or equivalent, and the Manager of the Environmental Chemistry Group or equivalent to the staff level of each of these units.

- f. The authority to take action is delegated through the Director, Office of Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs or equivalent, and the Manager of the Ecosystem and Community Health Unit or equivalent, to the staff level of this Unit.
- 3. **LIMITATIONS.** The Offices of Environmental Cleanup; Environmental Assessment; and Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs must consult with the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds or equivalent, or the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement or equivalent, before exercising the authority to take action other than entering any facility, establishment, place, property or location for the purposes of inspections, sampling, information gathering, and carrying out inspections, sampling, and information gathering.

The actions taken by staff of the Office of Water and Watersheds or equivalent, NPDES Unit or equivalent, and Grants and Planning Unit or equivalent; Office of Compliance and Enforcement or equivalent, Inspection and Enforcement Unit; Office of Environmental Assessment or equivalent; and the Office of Ecosystems, Tribal and Public Affairs or equivalent are limited to entering any facility, establishment, place, property or location for the purposes of inspections, sampling, information gathering, and to carrying out inspections, sampling, and information gathering.
- 4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.** This authority may not be redelegated.
- 5. **REFERENCES.**
 - a. Section 1431 of SDWA.
 - b. Delegation 9-17 (5/11/94).

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Date


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